

Add the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph beginning of page 1,  
line 19:

<sup>2</sup>  
A The present application is a continuation-in-part application claiming  
priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from United States applications Serial Nos.  
09/369,157 filed on August, 6, 2001 and 09/534,827 filed on February 23, 2000 and  
also claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from United States provisional  
application 60/257,738 filed on December 22, 2000.

### DISCUSSION

The present Preliminary Amendment presents an Abstract to complete  
the specification for the present application and add a paragraph to properly claim  
priority from previous applications sharing at least one common inventor and  
assigned to Carnegie Mellon University. It is respectfully submitted that the Abstract  
presented herein is fully supported by the application as filed. Applicants  
respectfully submit that the claims of the present application should be held  
patentable. Accordingly, passage of the claims to allowance at an early date is  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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